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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

52/301. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-second session consisting of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BHUTAN, CHINA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, NORWAY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZAMBIA.

52/302. Election of the President of the General Assembly[1]

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Mr. Hennadiy UDOVENKO (Ukraine) President of the General Assembly.

52/303. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees[1]

On 16 September 1997, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 1997, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee:	Mr. Mothusi D. C. NKGOWE (Botswana)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Machivenyika Tobias MAPURANGA (Zimbabwe)
Second Committee:	Mr. Oscar R. de ROJAS (Venezuela)
Third Committee:	Mr. Alessandro BUSACCA (Italy)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Anwarul Karim CHOWDHURY (Bangladesh)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Peter TOMKA (Slovakia)

52/304. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly[1]

At its 2nd and 3rd plenary meetings, on 16 and 17 September 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: CHINA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GREECE, GUINEA, IRELAND, JORDAN, KYRGYZSTAN, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, PANAMA, QATAR, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SOUTH AFRICA, TOGO, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VIET NAM.

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[1] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

52/305. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 14 October 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected BAHRAIN, BRAZIL, GABON, the GAMBIA and SLOVENIA non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHILE, EGYPT, GUINEA-BISSAU, POLAND and the REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: BAHRAIN,** BRAZIL,** CHINA, COSTA RICA,* FRANCE, GABON,** GAMBIA,** JAPAN,* KENYA,* PORTUGAL,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVENIA,** SWEDEN,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

52/306. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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At its 35th plenary meeting, on 22 October 1997, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected the BAHAMAS, FRANCE, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UGANDA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZAMBIA members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the BAHAMAS, BENIN, FRANCE, GHANA, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (*b*) of item 16 on the agenda of its fifty-second session for the election, at a later date, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council, of members to the two seats remaining to be filled on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

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At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council[3] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected ITALY a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 18 December 1997 and expiring on 31 December 1999.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-three Member States: ARGENTINA,** AUSTRIA,** BAHAMAS,*** BRAZIL,** CAMEROON,** CHINA,* CONGO,** DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,* EGYPT,* FRANCE,*** GERMANY,** INDONESIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC

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[2] See Economic and Social Council decision 1997/212 B of 1 May 1997; see also A/52/440.

[3] See Economic and Social Council decision 1997/212 C of 8 October and 16 December 1997; see also A/52/440/Add.1.

REPUBLIC OF),** ITALY,** JAPAN,* MEXICO,*** NICARAGUA,** NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,** POLAND,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** THAILAND,** TOGO,* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,** UGANDA,*** UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,*** URUGUAY,* ZAMBIA*** and ZIMBABWE.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (*b*) of item 16 on the agenda of its fifty-second session for the election, at a later date, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council, of a member to the seat remaining to be filled on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

52/307. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 40th, 41st, 43rd and 46th plenary meetings, on 30 October and 3 and 5 November 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ALGERIA, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, the COMOROS, INDIA, ITALY, LESOTHO, MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, OMAN, PAKISTAN, POLAND, SAINT LUCIA, SIERRA LEONE, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VIET NAM members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRALIA, BELARUS, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, the CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, INDIA, JAMAICA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAYSIA, the NETHERLANDS, the PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA, the SUDAN, THAILAND, UGANDA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ALGERIA,*** ARGENTINA,* BANGLADESH,* BELARUS,*** BELGIUM,*** BRAZIL,*** CANADA,* CAPE VERDE,** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,* CHILE,** CHINA,* COLOMBIA,*** COMOROS,*** CUBA,** CZECH REPUBLIC,* DJIBOUTI,** EL SALVADOR,** FINLAND,* FRANCE,** GABON,* GAMBIA,** GERMANY,** GUYANA,* ICELAND,** INDIA,*** ITALY,*** JAPAN,** JORDAN,* LATVIA,** LEBANON,* LESOTHO,*** MAURITIUS,*** MEXICO,** MOZAMBIQUE,** NEW ZEALAND,*** NICARAGUA,* OMAN,*** PAKISTAN,*** POLAND,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SAINT LUCIA,*** SIERRA LEONE,*** SPAIN,** SRI LANKA,** SWEDEN,* TOGO,* TUNISIA,* TURKEY,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,*** VIET NAM*** and ZAMBIA.**

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** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/308. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed the following persons members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Ioan Barac, Mr. Hasan Jawarneh, Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga, Mr. E. Besley Maycock and Mr. C. S. M. Mselle.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Syed AKBARUDDIN (*India*),* Ms. Denise ALMAO (*New Zealand*),** Mr. Ammar AMARI (*Tunisia*),** Mr. Ioan BARAC (*Romania*),*** Mr. Leonid E. BIDNYI (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),** Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),** Mr. Hasan JAWARNEH (*Jordan*),*** Mr. Mahamane Amadou MAIGA (*Mali*),*** Mr. José Antônio MARCONDES de CARVALHO (*Brazil*),* Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),*** Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),*** Mr. Klaus STEIN (*Germany*),* Mr. TANG Guangting (*China*),* Mr. Fumiaki TOYA (*Japan*)* and Mr. Giovanni Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/309. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] appointed the following persons members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Uldis Blukis, Mr. David Etuket, Mr. Ihor V. Humenny, Mr. David A. Leis, Mr. Prakash Shah and Mr. Kazuo Watanabe.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Iqbal AKHUND (*Pakistan*),** Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (*Netherlands*),* Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (*Latvia*),*** Mr. Sergio CHAPARRO RUIZ (*Chile*),* Mr. Evgueni N. DEINEKO (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. David ETUKET (*Uganda*),*** Mr. Neil Hewitt FRANCIS (*Australia*),* Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR (*Brazil*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),*** Mr. JU Kuilin (*China*),** Ms. Isabelle KLAIS (*Germany*),** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Atilio Norberto MOLTENI (*Argentina*),* Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud OULD EL GHAOUTH (*Mauritania*),* Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),** Mr. Prakash SHAH (*India*),*** Mr. Omar SIRRY (*Egypt*)* and Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (*Japan*).***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/310. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1998.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: Auditor-General of GHANA,** Comptroller and Auditor-General of INDIA* and Comptroller and

[4] A/52/670, para. 8.

[5] A/52/671, para. 7.

[6] A/52/672, para. 4.

Auditor-General of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.***

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* Term of office expires on 30 June 1999.
** Term of office expires on 30 June 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2001.

52/311. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif, Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),*** Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),** Mr. Fernando CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),*** Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),** Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),* Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),* Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),*** Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)* and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/312. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] appointed the following persons members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Mario Bettati, Mr. João Augusto de Medicis, Ms. Lucretia Myers, Mr. Alexis Stephanou and Mr. Ku Tashiro. The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] also appointed Mr. Alexei Fedotov to fill the remainder of a four-year term of office expiring on 31 December 2000.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),* Chairman; Mr. Carlos S. VEGEGA (*Argentina*),* Vice-Chairman; Ms. Corazon ALMA DE LEÓN (*Philippines*),** Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),*** Mrs. Turkia DADDAH (*Mauritania*),* Mr. Alexei FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Humayun KABIR (*Bangladesh*),** Mr. João Augusto de MEDICIS (*Brazil*),*** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Jaroslav RIHA (*Czech Republic*),* Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),** Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),*** Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*),* Mr. Ku TASHIRO (*Japan*)*** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

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[7] A/52/673, para. 4.

[8] A/52/675, para. 5.

52/313. Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the following persons members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Tadanori INOMATA (*Japan*), Mr. Gerhard KUNTZLE (*Germany*), Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda OWADE (*Kenya*), Mr. Carlos Dante RIVA (*Argentina*) and Ms. Susan SHEAROUSE (*United States of America*).

At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that the Fifth Committee had decided to postpone the remaining two appointments, from the Group of African States and the Group of Asian States, respectively.

52/314. Election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 24 November 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with section II, paragraphs 1 to 3, of its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, as amended by paragraph 8 of its resolution 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 and by paragraph 10 (*b*) of its resolution 31/99 of 15 December 1976, held an election to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, HUNGARY, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, KENYA, POLAND, SAUDI ARABIA, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, the SUDAN, THAILAND, UGANDA, the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY. The General Assembly elected AUSTRIA, BURKINA FASO, COLOMBIA, FIJI, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, KENYA, LITHUANIA, PARAGUAY, ROMANIA, SPAIN, the SUDAN, THAILAND, UGANDA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and ARGENTINA and URUGUAY to alternate representation on an annual basis starting with Argentina on 1 June 1998, as members of the Commission for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 June 1998.

As a result, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law is composed of the following States: ALGERIA,* ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRALIA,* AUSTRIA,** BOTSWANA,* BRAZIL,* BULGARIA,* BURKINA FASO,** CAMEROON,* CHINA,* COLOMBIA,** EGYPT,* FIJI,** FINLAND,* FRANCE,* GERMANY,* HONDURAS,** HUNGARY,** INDIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** ITALY,** JAPAN,* KENYA,** LITHUANIA,** MEXICO,* NIGERIA,* PARAGUAY,** ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SINGAPORE,* SPAIN,** SUDAN,** THAILAND,** UGANDA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** and URUGUAY.****

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* Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2001.

** Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2004.

*** Term of office of Argentina: from 1 June 1998 to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-second session of the Commission, in 1999; from the beginning of the thirty-third session of the Commission, in 2000, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2001; and from the beginning of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in 2002, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, in 2003.

**** Term of office of Uruguay: from the beginning of the thirty-second session of the Commission, in 1999, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-third session of the Commission, in

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[9] A/52/676, para. 5.

2000; from the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2001, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in 2002; and from the beginning of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, in 2003, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2004.

52/315. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 26 November 1997, the General Assembly, pursuant to its decision 43/406 of 24 October 1988, elected ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CANADA, CHINA, the COMOROS, CUBA, FRANCE, GERMANY, HUNGARY, INDONESIA, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, MALAWI, NIGERIA, NORWAY, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the SUDAN, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and ZIMBABWE members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, CANADA, CHINA, COSTA RICA, the DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, FRANCE, GABON, the GAMBIA, GERMANY, GUINEA-BISSAU, HUNGARY, INDONESIA, JAPAN, NICARAGUA, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SPAIN, the SUDAN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA, ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme is composed of the following fifty-eight States: ALGERIA,* ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,** ARGENTINA,** AUSTRALIA,* AUSTRIA,** BELARUS,** BELGIUM,** BENIN,* BOTSWANA,** BURKINA FASO,* BURUNDI,** CAMEROON,** CANADA,** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,* CHILE,* CHINA,** COLOMBIA,* COMOROS,** CUBA,** CZECH REPUBLIC,* FINLAND,* FRANCE,** GERMANY,** HUNGARY,** INDIA,* INDONESIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAMAICA,** JAPAN,** KAZAKHSTAN,** KENYA,* MALAWI,** MARSHALL ISLANDS,* MAURITANIA,* MEXICO,* MOROCCO,* NETHERLANDS,* NIGERIA,** NORWAY,** PAKISTAN,* PANAMA,* PERU,* PHILIPPINES,* POLAND,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAMOA,* SLOVAKIA,* SUDAN,** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,** THAILAND,* TUNISIA,* TURKEY,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** VENEZUELA** and ZIMBABWE.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

52/316. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 60th plenary meeting, on 3 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[10] elected Mr. Klaus TÖPFER (*Germany*) Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 February 1998.

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[10] A/52/695, para. 4.

52/317. Appointment of members of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to enlarge the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and to appoint NAMIBIA and SOUTH AFRICA members of the Committee.

As a result, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People is composed of the following twenty-five States: AFGHANISTAN, BELARUS, CUBA, CYPRUS, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALI, MALTA, NAMIBIA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOUTH AFRICA, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE and YUGOSLAVIA.

52/318. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[11] decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from eighty-nine to ninety members and to appoint GEORGIA a member of the Committee.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following ninety Member States: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, MALTA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA and ZIMBABWE.

52/319. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of the appointment by its President of AUSTRIA, the BAHAMAS, ROMANIA, THAILAND and UGANDA as members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998.

52/320. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional

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[11] A/52/619, para. 9.

groups, of ARGENTINA, the BAHAMAS, BELGIUM, BENIN, GEORGIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN and LESOTHO as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the BAHAMAS, BELGIUM, GHANA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, LATVIA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES and SENEGAL.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,* BAHAMAS,*** BELGIUM,*** BENIN,*** CHILE,** FIJI,** FRANCE,** GABON,** GEORGIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** JAMAICA,* JAPAN,** JORDAN,* KENYA,* LESOTHO,*** MOROCCO,* NAMIBIA,** NEPAL,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/321. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[12] appointed the following persons members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix Amerasinghe, Mr. Victor Yenyi Olungu and Mr. Hubert Thierry.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix AMERASINGHE (*Sri Lanka*),*** Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),** Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),** Mr. Victor Yenyi OLUNGU (*Democratic Republic of the Congo*),*** Mr. Francis SPAIN (*Ireland*),* Ms. Deborah TAYLOR ASHFORD (*United States of America*)* and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (*France*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

[12] A/52/674/Rev.1, para. 6.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

52/401. Organization of the fifty-second session

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[13] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-second session.

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 8 October 1997, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly, decided to continue its consideration of the item entitled "United Nations reform: measures and proposals" in open-ended informal consultations of the plenary.

52/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[14] adopted the agenda[15] and the allocation of agenda items[16] for the fifty-second session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[17] decided to defer consideration of the following items and to include them in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session:

Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India;

Question of East Timor.

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 29 October 1997, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[18] having waived the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola"[19] and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.[20]

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 24 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[21] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund"[22] and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.[23]

52/403. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-second session

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At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[24] decided that the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund should be authorized to meet until 19 September 1997.

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At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences[21] and of the General Committee,[25] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the main part of its fifty-second session:

(*a*) Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(*b*) Committee on Conferences;

(*c*) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(*d*) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(*e*) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

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At its 27th plenary meeting, on 7 October 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee

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[13] See A/52/250, paras. 4-38.

[14] A/52/250, para. 48.

[15] A/52/251.

[16] A/52/252.

[17] A/52/250, paras. 41 and 42.

[18] A/52/234.

[19] A/52/251/Add.1.

[20] A/52/252/Add.1.

[21] A/52/250/Add.1, para. 2.

[22] A/52/251/Add.2.

[23] A/52/252/Add.2.

[24] A/52/340.

[25] A/52/250, para. 36.

on Conferences,[26] decided that the Committee on Information should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-second session.

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At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 24 November 1997, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly, decided that the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations and the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council should be authorized to meet during the main part of its fifty-second session.

52/404. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 22 October 1997, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[27]

52/405. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 October 1997, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[28]

52/406. Report of the Security Council

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 29 October 1997, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[29]

52/408. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 4 November 1997, the General Assembly took note of the fourth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[30]

52/409. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/410. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1997, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[31]

52/411. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 20 November 1997, the General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the item entitled "Universal Congress on the Panama Canal".

52/412. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of the second annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[32]

52/413. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item

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[26] A/52/340/Add.1.

[27] A/52/392.

[28] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/52/4).

[29] Ibid., *Supplement No. 2* (A/52/2).

[30] A/52/375-S/1997/729; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1997*, document S/1997/729.

[31] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/52/1).

[32] A/52/582-S/1997/868 and Corr.1; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-second Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1997*, document S/1997/868.

entitled "Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/430. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/431. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/432. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/433. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/434. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/435. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/436. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly.[33]

52/453. Non-governmental organizations

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Canada,[34] recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its Article 71, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1996/297, both of 25 July 1996, as well as the interpretative statement read out by the President of the Council upon adoption of decision 1996/297, requested the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate no later than the end of its current session, for consideration and action by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, a report on:

(*a*) Existing arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system;

(*b*) The legal and financial implications of modifications in the current arrangements for participation of non-governmental organizations with a view to enhancing their participation in all areas of the United Nations system;

(*c*) The question of the participation of non-governmental organizations from all regions, in particular from the developing countries.

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[33] A/52/731.

[34] A/52/L.71.

52/454. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of chapters I, II, III, IV, V (sections A, B, D and H), VI and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[35]

52/459. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1997, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during the fifty-second session:

Item 10: Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization;

Item 11: Report of the Security Council;

Item 16 (*b*): Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

Item 17 (*g*): Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

Item 17 (*j*): Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

Item 19: Admission of new Members to the United Nations;

Item 20 (*b*): Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

Item 21: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly;

Item 24: Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal;

Item 36: Question of Palestine;

Item 37: The situation in the Middle East;

Item 39: Oceans and the law of the sea;

Item 43: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security;

Item 44: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti;

Item 45: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development;

Item 47: The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Item 57: The situation in Burundi;

Item 58: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

Item 59: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters;

Item 60: Strengthening of the United Nations system;

Item 61: Question of Cyprus;

Item 73: Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session;

Item 83: Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee;

Item 95 (*a*): Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries;

Item 104: International drug control;

Item 106: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women;

Item 112 (*d*): Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

Item 113: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors;

Item 114: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

Item 115: Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

Item 116: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

[35] A/52/3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3.*

Item 117: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations;

Item 118: Joint Inspection Unit;

Item 119: Pattern of conferences;

Item 120: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

Item 121: United Nations common system;

Item 122: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East;

Item 123: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;

Item 124: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991);

Item 125: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;

Item 126: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;

Item 127: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters;

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus;

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia;

Item 132: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti;

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;

Item 135: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan;

Item 137: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium;

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force;

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti;

Item 142: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Item 143: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

Item 153: Human resources management;

Item 154: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala;

Item 157: United Nations reform: measures and proposals;

Item 159: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

52/414. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First

Committee,[36] recalling its resolution 50/245 of 10 September 1996, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty".

52/415. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[37] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

52/416. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[38]

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

52/417. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[39] adopted the following text:

> "1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[40] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.
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> "2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.
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> "3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions.
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> "4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.
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> "5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of the local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.
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> "6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of those military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.
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> "7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
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> "8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-third session."

[36] A/52/593, para. 7.

[37] A/52/611, para. 7.

[38] A/52/612.

[39] A/52/621, para. 11.

[40] A/52/23 (Part III), chap. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 23.*

52/418. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[41]

52/419. Question of Gibraltar

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[42] adopted the following text as representing the consensus of the members of the Assembly:

> "The General Assembly, recalling its decision 51/430 of 13 December 1996, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[43] stipulates, *inter alia*, the following:
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> > 'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',
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> takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the United Kingdom hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most recent of which was held in London on 22 January 1997, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

[41] A/52/624.

[42] A/52/613, para. 32.

[43] A/39/732, annex.

4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

52/438. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the Second Committee.[44]

52/439. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the Second Committee.[45]

52/440. Environment and sustainable development

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the Second Committee.[46]

52/441. Report of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[47] took note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.[48]

52/442. Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of part two of the report of the Second Committee.[49]

52/443. Reports relating to the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[50] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction[51] and the report of the Secretary-General on improved

[44] A/52/626.

[45] A/52/628.

[46] A/52/629.

[47] A/52/629/Add.8, para. 2.

[48] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25).

[49] A/52/629/Add.1.

[50] A/52/629/Add.4, para. 8.

[51] A/52/560.

effectiveness of early-warning systems with regard to natural and similar disasters.[52]

52/444. Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[53] and recalling its resolution S-19/2 of 28 June 1997, by which it adopted the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, decided:

(*a*) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly;[54]

(*b*) To include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21".

52/445. Progress in the implementation of conventions relating to sustainable development

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[53] and recalling its resolution S-19/2 of 28 June 1997, by which it adopted the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, decided:

(*a*) To continue to review the progress made in implementing the conventions signed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development or established as a result of the Conference, as well as other conventions related to sustainable development, bearing in mind section IV.A of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[55] and, in this regard, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-third session a report on ways and means of undertaking this review;

(*b*) To invite, beginning in the year 2000, the conferences of the parties to the conventions signed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development or established as a result of the Conference, as well as other conventions relating to sustainable development, to take all appropriate measures to avoid convening their sessions and those of their subsidiary bodies during the sessions of the General Assembly.

52/446. Documents relating to operational activities for development

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;[57]

(*b*) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of financial resources allocated by the United Nations system to activities of non-governmental organizations"[58] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[59]

(*c*) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Coordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development cooperation"[60] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[61]

(*d*) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strengthening field representation of the United Nations system"[62] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon.[63]

52/447. Documents relating to sectoral policy questions

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the

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[52] A/52/561.

[53] A/52/629/Add.7, para. 10.

[54] A/52/280.

[55] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[56] A/52/630, para. 20.

[57] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 39* (A/52/39).

[58] A/51/655-E/1996/105, annex.

[59] A/52/114-E/1997/46.

[60] A/51/636-E/1996/104, annex.

[61] A/52/115-E/1997/47.

[62] A/52/457.

[63] A/52/457/Add.1.

[64] A/52/627, para. 26.

outcome of the World Food Summit, held at Rome from 13 to 17 November 1996.[65]

52/448. Graduation from the list of least developed countries

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[66] and in accordance with paragraph (*b*) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223 of 18 July 1997, decided that Cape Verde, Maldives and Samoa should graduate from the list of least developed countries at the time of the next review, in 2000, provided that they continue to meet the criteria for graduation at that time.

52/449. Revisions of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[66] and in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1997/217 of 8 July 1997, endorsed the revisions to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, as contained in the annex to the report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.[67]

52/450. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[66] and in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/43 of 22 July 1997, decided that, beginning in 1998, the report of the Council of the United Nations University would be considered directly by the Second Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with its programme of work.

52/451. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[66] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1997;[68]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;[69]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on new and innovative ideas for generating funds for globally agreed commitments and priorities;[70]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award;[71]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statement on universal access to basic communications and information services, adopted by the Administrative Committee on Coordination at its session in April 1997.[72]

52/452. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[66] and in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999[73]

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Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[74]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population

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[65] A/52/132-E/1997/57.

[66] A/52/625, para. 21.

[67] E/1997/49.

[68] A/52/3, chaps. I-IV, V (sects. A-C and F-J) and VII. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[69] A/52/175-E/1997/75.

[70] A/52/203-E/1997/85.

[71] A/52/212.

[72] A/52/354.

[73] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, holds a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[74] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1998.

Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development (General Assembly resolution 50/225)[75]

Committee for Development Planning

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council containing the views of the Committee for Development Planning on the report of the Secretary-General on the vulnerability index (General Assembly resolutions 51/183 and 52/210)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on net flows and transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 51/165)

Report of the Secretary-General on global financial flows and their impact on the developing countries (General Assembly resolution 52/180)

Report of the Secretary-General containing an index indicating recurring themes and key elements in the consideration of the topic of financing for development (General Assembly resolution 52/179)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the United Nations to address financing for development (General Assembly resolution 52/179)

(b) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/168 on the transit environment in the landlocked States of Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on recommendations for effective follow-up to the relevant sections of the agreed conclusions of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 52/182)

Oral report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/182, including developments in the multilateral trading system

(c) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 51/169)

(d) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/185

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/170

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on best practices and lessons learned in the field of industrial development (General Assembly resolution 51/170)

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/191

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

[75] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/130 and 51/172 on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

(a) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

No advance documentation requested (General Assembly resolution 52/186)

(b) *Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development*

(i) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries*

(ii) *Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and on the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185, 49/92 and 51/173)

(c) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181, 49/106 and 51/175)

(d) *Cultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/197

(e) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/190

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with a view to its revitalization (General Assembly resolutions 51/177 and 52/190)

(f) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/187)

(g) *Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (General Assembly resolution 52/188)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173)[75]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/200 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

(a) *Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans, programmes and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States that have been implemented in response to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolutions 50/116 and 52/202)

(c) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolutions 51/184 and 52/199)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution 50/115)

(d) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/198

(e) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolutions 51/182 and 52/201)

(f) *Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the ways and means of undertaking the review of progress made in implementing conventions related to sustainable development (General Assembly decision 52/445)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children (General Assembly resolution 51/186)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft revised Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 52/205)[75]

Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolutions 50/120, 52/203 and 52/205)[75]

Item 7. *Training and research*

(a) *United Nations University*

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 49/124

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/187)

(b) *United Nations Institute for Training and Research*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/206)

Item 8. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/6 and General Assembly resolution 52/207)[75]

Item 9. *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 51/178 and 52/193)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty (General Assembly resolution 52/194)

Item 10. *Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries*

No advance documentation requested (General Assembly resolution 52/205)

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Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[77]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 2001-2003

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Documentation

Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a high-level consideration of the topic of financing for development (General Assembly resolution 52/179)

(b) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/181 on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/183 on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

(c) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/184

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolutions 47/177 and 52/208)

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

(a) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

[76] The programme of work and documentation list for 1999 will be updated in 1998, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

[77] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1999.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[75]

(b) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 52/195)[75]

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)

(c) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/196)

(d) *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/189)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[75]

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

(a) *Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development at its seventh session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) *International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)[75]

(c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182)

(d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

(a) *Operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[75]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/204 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/205

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

52/420. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the advancement of women

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[78] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;[79]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;[80]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.[81]

52/421. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of the rights of children

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[82] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;[83]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the exploitation of child labour.[84]

52/422. Human rights questions

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the Third Committee.[85]

52/423. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the implementation of human rights instruments

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[86] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Committee against Torture;[87]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.[88]

52/424. Award of human rights prizes in 1998

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[89] considering that 1998 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[90] bearing in mind the need to promote universal observance and enjoyment of human rights, and recalling recommendation C contained in the annex to its resolution 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, in which it approved the awarding of prizes in the field of human rights, decided to request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the awarding of human rights prizes in 1998, as envisaged in the above-mentioned recommendation.

52/425. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[91] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on rape and abuse of women in the areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia.[92]

52/426. Working Group of the Third Committee

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[93] decided that item 112 (*d*), entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action", would remain on the agenda of the fifty-second session so as to allow the Working Group of the Third Committee to continue its work.

52/427. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly took note of part six of the report of the Third Committee.[94]

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[78] A/52/637, para. 33.

[79] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/52/38/Rev.1).

[80] A/52/337.

[81] A/52/352.

[82] A/52/640, para. 17.

[83] A/52/348.

[84] A/52/523.

[85] A/52/644.

[86] A/52/644/Add.1, para. 24.

[87] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 44* (A/52/44).

[88] A/52/387.

[89] A/52/644/Add.2, para. 63.

[90] Resolution 217 A (III).

[91] A/52/644/Add.3, para. 45.

[92] A/52/497.

[93] A/52/644/Add.4, para. 12.

[94] A/52/644/Add.5.

52/428. Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1998-1999

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee[95] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1998-1999, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME-LIMITS OF STATEMENTS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless otherwise decided by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of groups of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the item entitled "Human rights questions" should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time-limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular when statements are made on behalf of groups of delegations. For practical reasons, it is encouraged that statements made on behalf of groups of delegations be made on the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted separately but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. PROGRAMME OF WORK

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects of the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice;

Item 4. International drug control;

Item 5. Advancement of women;

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women;

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions;

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;[96]

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination;[96]

Item 12. Human rights questions;[97, 98]

[95] A/52/633, para. 9.

[96] Items 10 and 11 are to be considered jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[97] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be considered separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be considered jointly.

[98] Delegations may make one statement each on sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements on sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as set out below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in General Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of proposals and as set out below:[99]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

World social situation

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, International Year of Older Persons and related activities (annual to 1999)

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (odd years)

Triennial

Role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (1999)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime (1998)

Preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (to 1999)

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women (1999)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

[99] References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Item 4. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities

Special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Traffic in women and girls

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (1998)

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

High-level review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (to the year 2000)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (1998)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; the girl child; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; and the plight of children living and/or working on the streets

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1998)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade on Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Strengthening of the rule of law

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Protection of United Nations personnel

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (1998)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

Five-year review of the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights (1998)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1998-1999

1998[100]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/80 on the International Year of Older Persons

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth and World Youth Forum of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 52/83)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information on progress achieved in the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime requested in General Assembly resolution 52/85

[100] The programme of work and documentation for 1998 will be revised in the light of decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1998.

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 52/91)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 52/89)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity (resolution 52/90)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

International cooperation against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions (General Assembly resolution 52/87)

International cooperation in criminal matters (resolution 52/88)

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolutions 47/100 and 52/92)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV)[75]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 52/92)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[75]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolutions 39/125 and 52/94)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolutions 45/124 and 51/68)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (resolution 52/96)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (resolution 52/98)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (resolution 52/99)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 52/100)[75]

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (resolution 51/74)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (resolution 52/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 52/101)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (resolution 52/102)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/107

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human

Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (resolution 52/107)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children (resolution 52/107)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (General Assembly decision 49/458)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 52/108)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (resolution 52/109)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 52/110)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 52/111)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 52/112)

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 52/113)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[75]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolutions 36/151 and 51/86)

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 51/86)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 52/115)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 52/118)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ninth meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies (resolution 52/118)

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (General Assembly resolutions 51/88 and 52/117)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 51/92)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 51/94)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 51/102)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolutions 51/105 and 52/131)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/72 on the right to development (Economic and Social Council decision 1997/276 and General Assembly resolution 52/136)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (General Assembly resolution 52/120)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (resolution 52/122)

Report of the Secretary-General on protection of United Nations personnel (resolution 52/126)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (resolution 52/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Plan of Action of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and on public information activities in the field of human rights (resolution 52/127)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 52/135)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (General Assembly resolution 51/95)

Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 51/97)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (resolution 52/121)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (resolution 52/134)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of technical cooperation aimed at strengthening institutional capacity of Haiti in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 52/138)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (resolution 52/139)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (resolution 52/137)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities and operations of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (resolution 52/146)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in Nigeria (General Assembly resolution 52/144)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (resolution 52/141)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (resolution 52/142)

Situation of human rights in Cuba (resolution 52/143)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (resolution 52/145)

Situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (resolution 52/147)

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/121 and 52/148)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[75]

1999

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (General Assembly resolution 51/58)

Report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on ways and means for achieving the goal of education for all (resolution 52/84)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/82 on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth and on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (resolution 52/83)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/55)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/86 on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women[75]

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 47/100)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[75]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (resolution 52/93)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 52/95)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (resolution 52/97)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (General Assembly resolution 50/203)[75]

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[75]

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children (General Assembly resolution 52/107)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (General Assembly resolution 52/108)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[75]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (resolution 52/116)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (General Assembly resolution 52/129)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (resolution 52/123)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 52/128)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (resolution 52/133)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 52/132)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (General Assembly resolution 52/119)

Human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 52/124)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (resolution 52/130)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[75]

52/429. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[95] took note of chapters I, IV, V (sections A to C and H) and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[35]

6. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

52/407. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 31 October 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[101] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia[102] and the related report of the

[101] A/52/543, para. 6.

[102] A/52/401.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[103]

(*a*) Endorsed the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[103]

(*b*) Decided to reduce the appropriation authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/3 C of 13 June 1997 for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 from 20,447,100 United States dollars gross (18,918,300 dollars net) to 8,952,900 dollars gross (8,434,900 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 758,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations;

(*c*) Decided also, taking into account the amount of 5,111,775 dollars gross (4,729,575 dollars net) already assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/3 C for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1997 and pending the review and consideration of the performance report of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, to defer the apportionment of the additional amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net);

(*d*) Decided further to keep under review at its fifty-second session agenda item 133, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia".

52/437. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[104] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[105] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[106]

(*a*) Took note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[106]

(*b*) Authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 10,608,000 United States dollars gross (9,987,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of 178,880,900 dollars gross (170,269,700 dollars net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/152 B of 13 June 1997, and endorsed the observations made by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 5 of its report;

(*c*) Requested the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to take the necessary steps to employ locally recruited staff for General Service posts for the Mission, commensurate with the operational requirements of such posts, and to report to the General Assembly on this matter;

(*d*) Decided to keep under review at its fifty-second session agenda item 138, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

52/455. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[107] took note of chapters I, V (section B) and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[35]

52/456. Action taken on certain items

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[108] decided that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items and relevant reports at the resumed fifty-second session of the Assembly:

Item 113: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors;

Item 114: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

Item 116: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

Item 117: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations;

Item 118: Joint Inspection Unit;

Item 119: Pattern of conferences;

Item 122: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(*a*) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(*b*) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon;

Item 123: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;

Item 124 (*a*): Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

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[103] A/52/451.

[104] A/52/690, para. 6.

[105] A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1.

[106] A/52/546.

[107] A/52/729, para. 4.

[108] A/52/746, para. 7.

Item 126: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;

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52/457. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1998-1999

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[108] and in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1998-1999, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

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At its 79th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] decided to admit the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with article 3 of the Regulations of the Fund, with effect from 1 January 1998.

[109] A/52/718, para. 5.

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